E-Rate has helped our students and teachers access online resources, communicate and collaborate, and develop 21st century skills necessary for college and career. However, not all schools are able to keep pace with current bandwidth needs. I urge you to raise E-Rate funding to at least $5 billion per year. In order for students to graduate from high school with the skills and knowledge to succeed in today's global economy, access to high-speed broadband is key. Equal access to adequate bandwidth across all of the nation's schools is imperative to provide equal opportunities for success in the modern world.

Digital learning to personalize the experience, provide online classes, meet the Common Core, administer online assessments, and make data-driven decisions depend on a viable network that can adequately support the growing need for technology implementation within the learning process. This need will continue to grow.

School classrooms and libraries requested twice the available funding. For the future of our nation, please, I urge the FCC to increase funding for the E-rate program to $5.